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Subject: Media Inquiry Class VI/Carbon Wells (Deadline ASAP)

Importance: High

Hi Charles,

Please see the responses below regarding a media inquiry about class VI/carbon wells, responses were concurred by Ken Johnson and Brandon Maples. **Deadline is ASAP.**

Media Inquiry: I'm interested in learning more about Air Products' plans for a blue hydrogen/carbon capture project in Lake Maurepas in Louisiana, and would like to pose the following questions to your office:

Question #1. Is the company required to apply for and receive approval from the EPA for carbon wells?

Response: Yes, via a Class VI permit application. -

Question #2. If so, has the company initiated that process?

Response: No application materials have been received by EPA Region 6 yet.

Question #3. How long would that process normally take?

Response: At this moment, EPA cannot predict a specific time.

Question #4. Would it be possible for LDNR to supersede the EPA in issuing approval(s) for carbon wells in this case?

Response: No, LDNR would have to apply and be approved for primacy in order to permit Class VI wells; otherwise, authority is delegated to EPA only.

Question #5. If so, has LDNR expressed an interest in doing so?

Response: Yes, LDNR has expressed an interest in receiving authority to permit Class VI wells and has submitted a primacy application that is currently under review at EPA HQ.

Question #6. Would that require some sort of official delegation of authority from the EPA?

Response: Yes, EPA's approval of LDNR's Class VI primacy application is the process by which EPA would delegate Class VI permitting authority to LDNR.

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